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School Food Services Facts for 2000-01

National School Lunch Program

- 772 local education agencies (LEAs) with 2,443 Missouri schools (2,212 public and 231 non-public).
- An average of 541,631 lunches were served daily, representing 57% of students enrolled, and 63% of students in average daily attendance.
- 94,910,081 reimbursable lunches were served during the year.
- 47% of reimbursable lunches were served to free or reduced price eligible students.
- Statewide cost for producing a lunch was calculated to be \$2.

School Breakfast Program

- 545 LEAs participated in the breakfast program (89% public and 22% non-public).
- 1,984 schools participated in the breakfast program (87% public and 22% non-public).
- An average of 145,914 breakfasts were served daily, representing 20% of students in average daily attendance.
- 25,875,828 reimbursable breakfasts were served during the year.
- 76% of the reimbursable breakfasts were served to free or reduced price eligible students.
- Statewide cost for producing a breakfast was calculated to be \$1.50.

Special Milk Program

- 111 schools participated only in the Special Milk Program.

Donated Foods Program

- 750,166 units of donated commodities, having a value of \$15,460,383 were distributed. (This is 12% of the total food budget.)

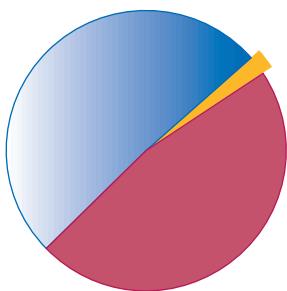
Statewide food cost amounted to \$130,222,759, of which \$114,762,376 was spent locally.

An average of 855,405 Missouri students in average daily attendance had access to one or more food service programs in their schools through 1,788 preparation centers.

\$128,924,877 was paid in salaries to local people employed in the preparation and serving of meals to students.

School Food Services represented a \$272.9 million industry in Missouri during the year.

School Food Services was financed as follows:



- Federal Aid – 51%
- State Funds – 1%
- Local Funds – 48%

Federal and State tax funds distributed to schools through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education during the 2000-01 school year were as follows:

School Lunch Reimbursement (Federal)	\$96,142,611
School Lunch Reimbursement (State)	2,458,902
Special Milk Reimbursement	349,681
School Breakfast Reimbursement	26,129,892
Value of Commodities Distributed	15,460,383
Commodity Distribution Cost (Federal)	500,000
Commodity Distribution Cost (State)	905,986
	\$141,947,455

School Breakfast: Join The Club

March 4-8, 2002

National School Breakfast Week

Think back to the clubs you joined when you were younger. What are some of the special things you and your fellow members shared? Did you have secret passwords, secret handshakes? Were these the people who shared your same hobbies or dreams?

Kids and clubs go hand in hand. That's why "School Breakfast: Join the Club" is the theme for National School Breakfast Week (NSBW), scheduled March 4-8, 2002.

Make plans now to recruit members for your Breakfast Club and celebrate the students who already belong. Opportunities abound during NSBW to teach children what a vital part of the day breakfast is. Coordinate with other clubs led by parents, teachers and administrators to spread the word. You might end up with the largest club in the history of your school!

For more information and recipes, visit:
www.asfsa.org/meetingsandevents/nsbw2002/



Best Practices Awards

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Mountain Plains Regional Office (MPRO), has announced their 2002 "Best Practices Awards" contest for the National School Lunch, School Breakfast and Afterschool Snack Programs. The contest is designed to recognize outstanding program practices in schools and Local Education Agencies (LEAs). Awards will be given in five categories. Each one is important to a healthy school environment and has an impact on nutrition and physical activity. LEAs who feel that they have implemented an innovative or creative practice in their food service programs in one or more designated categories are encouraged to enter.

The Best Practice Awards Categories and Nomination Form were mailed to every LEA in December. **Nominations must be received in our office by April 1, 2002.** The MPRO will present awards to the winner in each category.

If any questions, contact Dawn Matthews at (573) 526-1850 or email: dmatthew@mail.dese.state.mo.us

Procurement Rules for USDA Entitlement Programs

On August 14, 2000, final regulations for grants management for USDA entitlement programs (Child Nutrition Programs) were published. Under these final regulations, a single set of rules will now apply to USDA entitlement and nonentitlement programs. Programs operated by State and local governments are subject to 7 CFR Part 3016, while 7 CFR Part 3019 applies to private/non-public organizations. The Code of Federal Regulations for 3016 and 3019 are available at the following Web sites:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_01/7cfr3016_01.html
http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_01/7cfr3019_01.html

Please refer to the chart on page 3 for a brief summary of the procurement rules.

Procurement Rules

7 CFR Part 3016 Public Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and Sub-Grantees	7 CFR Part 3016 State Agencies (SAs)	7 CFR Part 3019 Non-Public LEAs
Implementation Date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public LEAs – No later than July 1, 2001 • Other Public Sub-grantees – October 1, 2000 	Implementation Date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 1, 2000 	Implementation Date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No later than July 1, 2001
<p>Public LEAs or sub-grantees must follow State or local procurement codes except for provisions which are inconsistent with federal procurement requirements; then the sub-grantee must follow federal requirement(s) for those specific areas only under the umbrella of State or local procurement rules.</p> <p>State/local procurement must be equal to or more stringent than Federal Procurement Rules.</p>	<p>Federal Rules or State Rules: The SA has option of selecting which procurement rules to follow. States will make selection as part of State Administrative Expense (SAE) process.</p>	<p>Federal Rules must be followed as required by 7 CFR Part 3019 unless an organization chooses to follow its more restrictive rules.</p>
<p>State/local thresholds – vary by State/local procurement codes.</p> <p>If State/local threshold is lower than federal threshold for small purchases, LEA must apply State/local threshold since it is more stringent than the federal threshold.</p>	<p>Federal threshold for small purchases is \$100,000 or less.</p> <p>State thresholds – vary by State Procurement codes.</p>	<p>Small purchase threshold is \$100,000 or less (informal procurement).</p>
<p>Sub-grantee procurement – purchases exceeding small purchase threshold as established by State/local code must follow formal procurement.</p>	<p>Federal procurement – purchases exceeding \$100,000 must follow formal procurement.</p> <p>State procurement – purchases exceeding small purchases threshold as established by State code must follow formal procurement.</p>	<p>Purchases exceeding \$100,000 must follow formal procurement.</p>
<p>Maximum free and open competition must be afforded.</p> <p>The following practices are prohibited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographical preference • Contractor performance of certain services directly related to procurement action (development of specifications, requirements, statements of work, invitations to bid, etc.) 	<p>Maximum free and open competition must be afforded.</p> <p>The following practices are prohibited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographical preference • Contractor performance of certain services directly related to procurement action (development of specifications, requirements, statements of work, invitations to bid, etc.) 	<p>Maximum free and open competition must be afforded.</p> <p>The following practices are prohibited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor performance of certain services directly related to procurement action (development of specifications, requirements, statements of work, invitations to bid, etc.)

Technical Assistance Services from NFSMI

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (USDA/FNS), is funding technical assistance services through the National Food Service Management Institute (NFSMI). Qualified consultants will work with child nutrition professionals in the local school foodservice operation. The focus of the technical assistance will revolve around:

- Customer Service
- Financial Management and Recordkeeping
- Food Production
- Marketing
- Menu Planning
- Nutrition Education
- Personnel Management
- Procurement

An orientation entitled "Changing the Scene: Improving the School Nutrition Environment" will be part of every technical assistance consultation. The local LEA will identify areas that will be the focus of the technical assistance service. A typical consultation will be three days in length and will be conducted by a consultant with expertise in the areas identified as the focus of the consultation.

LEAs may request the on-site services from NFSMI. NFSMI's goal is to provide nationwide, 50 on-site consultations during 2002. LEAs interested in the service should complete the form below and return it to the NFSMI by January 31, 2002.



Yes, I am interested in the on-site technical assistance services!

Name of School or District _____

Address _____

Submitted by _____

Describe the area of focus for the technical assistance (*the number one priority*) and why. _____

To make arrangements for this consultation, please contact:

Name _____

Job Title _____ E-mail Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Return by January 31, 2002, to:

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